

Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A system for managing policy services in an organization, the organization including a first network having a first set of resources and a second network remote from the first network having a second set of resources, the system comprising:

- a first edge device associated with the first network;
- a second edge device associated with the second network; and
- a policy server in communication with the first and second edge devices, wherein the

policy server includes:

a log collecting and archiving module for periodically receiving health and status information from each of the edge devices wherein the health and status information includes resource usage statistics of each of the respective edge devices;

an archive database coupled to the log collecting and archiving module for storing the health and status information;

a reports module coupled to the archive database for creating reports based on the health and status information; and

means for establishing a condition upon which each of the edge devices transfers its health and status information to the log collecting and archiving module;

wherein the first and second edge devices each collect health and status information associated with its set of resources, format the health and status information according to a predetermined log format, and transmit the formatted health and status information to the policy server, and wherein the

policy server ~~correlating~~ correlates the formatted health and status information from the first and second edge devices and ~~providing~~ provides a centralized view of the health and status of the first and second edge devices from a single location.

Claims 2 - 3 (Cancelled)

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The system of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the health and status information includes network flow information of packets flowing through the edge device.

Claim 5 (Original): The system of claim 1, wherein the each edge device maintains a byte count of the packets flowing through the edge device, wherein the byte count is organized according to resources associated with the packets.

Claim 6 (Cancelled)

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The system of claim [[6]] 1, wherein the created reports indicate usage of the resources associated with a particular edge device over a period of time.

Claim 8 (Cancelled)

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): In a system including a first network having a first set of resources and a second network remote from the first network having a second set of resources, the first network being associated with a first edge device, and the second network being associated with a second edge device, the system further including a central policy server in communication with the first edge device and the second edge ~~devices~~ device, a method for managing policy services in the system comprising:

collecting at the first edge device first health and status information associated with the first set of resources;

formatting the first health and status information at the first edge device according to

a predetermined log format;
testing, by the first edge device, against at least one test condition established by the
policy server, as to whether to transfer the first health and status information to a
log collecting and archiving module maintained at the policy server;
transmitting the first health and status information to the central policy server;
collecting at the second edge device second health and status information associated
with the second set of resources;
formatting the second health and status information at the second edge device
according to the predetermined log format;
testing, by the second edge device, against the at least one test condition established
by the policy server, as to whether to transfer the second health and status
information to a log collecting and archiving module maintained at the policy
server;
transmitting the formatted ~~first and~~ second health and status information to the
central policy server;
periodically receiving, at the central policy server, the first health and status
information from the first edge device and the second health and status
information from the second edge device;
storing, at the policy server, the first health and status information and the second
health and status information in an archive database;
correlating the formatted first and second health and status information at the
central policy server; and
providing, via the central policy server, a centralized view of the first health and
status information of the first edge device and the second health and status
information of the second edge devices device from a single location; and
creating, via the policy server, reports based on the first and second health and status
information.

Claim 10 - 11 (Cancelled)

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method of claim [[10]] 9, wherein the health and status information includes network flow information.

Claim 13 (Original): The method of claim 12, further comprising:
maintaining a byte count of the packets flowing through the edge device; and
organizing the byte count according to resources associated with the packets.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): The method of claim [[10]] 9, wherein the health and status information includes statistics on use of each edge device's set of resources.

Claim 15 (Original): The method of claim 14, wherein the reports indicate usage of the resources associated with a particular edge device over a period of time.

Claim 16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 1 wherein the predetermined log format includes a service field indicating a type of service rendered by the edge device.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 1, wherein the predetermined log format includes an identifier of a source transmitting a packet received by the edge device.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The system of claim 1, wherein the predetermined log format includes a status field indicating a status of a service rendered by the edge device.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the predetermined log format includes a service field indicating a type of service rendered by the edge device.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the predetermined log format includes an identifier of a source transmitting a packet received by the edge device.

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 9, wherein the predetermined log format includes a status field indicating a status of a service rendered by the edge device.